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Michigan Department of Natural Resources

October 15, 2014

Executive Division

P.O. Box 30028

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Dear Director Creagh,

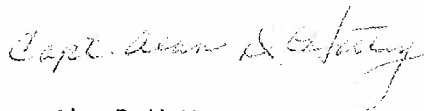
On September 27, 2014 my son Weston and I attended the Hunter Safety Course at the Rockford Sportsman Club in Rockford, Michigan. The course instructor was William Skalos and his wife Maryly was second in command. There were a number of additional team members that helped out with the course, all of which gave 100% with hands on training and education.

Many years ago I attended my first hunter safety course. I did again this time with my 13 year old son Weston. My, how things have changed. My course was taught in the back of a gun shop with no heat, no water and no restrooms. The conditions were rugged to say the least. Weston's course was taught in a spacious, clean, heated facility with both men AND women's restrooms! The chairs were comfortable and there was plenty of seating for all attendees. The staff had a large pot of coffee brewing throughout the course and they fed us a delicious lunch with cookies for dessert. After lunch the trainees shot rifles and shotguns. My son was thrilled.

I'm not sure where the funds came from for the course at this wonderful facility. It's hard for me to believe that they could do everything that they did with the small fee that we all paid for the course. They provided food, drinks, fruit, cookies, .22 bullets, and shotgun shells!

I would urge you to help William and his competent team with funds provided by the DNR. These volunteers are completely dedicated to the men, women and children that attend this course. They should be recognized and should be rewarded for going above and beyond the call of duty. Michigan is lucky to have such a wonderful group teaching the hunter safety course at the Rockford Sportsman Club.

Sincerely,



Capt. Alan D. Hattey



STATE OF MICHIGAN
DEPARTMENT OF STATE POLICE
LANSING

COL. KRISTE KIBBEY ETUE
DIRECTOR

RICK SNYDER
GOVERNOR

January 3, 2012

To whom it may concern.

The Rockford Sportsman's Club has assisted, and continues to assist, the Michigan State Police by providing access to their facility for training. This is done at no cost to our Department. We utilize the facility for firearms training for Post personnel several times throughout the year. The Emergency Support Team (SWAT) also utilizes the facility for monthly training and firearms qualification. Range rental at a local, private range would cost approximately \$195.00 per visit. If we were required to rent the ranges at the Rockford Sportsman's Club, the amount would be approximately \$4500 a year.

In addition, The Michigan State Police Explorers are allowed to meet in the clubhouse three times a week over the course of seven months. The MSP Explorers are high school students who are interested in a career in Law Enforcement. They are given instruction that is similar to a law enforcement academy. The normal club house rental fee is \$100. If we were required to rent the building for the Explorers Program, it would cost approximately \$2100 a year for the program.

The continued access to the Rockford Sportsman's Club allows the Michigan State Police to meet and train locally. Their willingness to support our presence in the community is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

CHRIS MCINTIRE, F/LIEUTENANT
Rockford Post 61



JENNIFER M. GRANHOLM
GOVERNOR

STATE OF MICHIGAN
DEPARTMENT OF STATE POLICE
HART POST



COL. TADARIAL J. STURDIVANT
DIRECTOR

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George Mayhak
President Rockford Sportsman's Club
1115 Northland Dr
Rockford Mi

I am writing to express our appreciation for you allowing us to use your facility to meet our training requirements. Part of our required training involves qualifying each month with our assigned weapons.

The Michigan State Police Emergency Support Team has been allowed to use your excellent facility without cost going back to 1999.

Some ranges charge for their usage with the cost being as high as \$250 for the day.

I can not say enough about the quality of your facility or how well we have been treated by your membership. Your facility and members are second to none.

Thank you again for allowing us to use your ranges free of charge. This has enabled us to meet our training needs at a quality facility.

Sgt Thomas J Draves
Michigan State Police
Emergency Support Team
Hart Post
3793 W. Polk Rd.
Hart MI 49420



U.S. Department of Justice

United States Marshals Service

Western District of Michigan

Grand Rapids, MI 49503

November 6, 2014

Mr. Gordon Pickerd
Vice President
Rockford Sportsman's Club
11115 Northland Drive
Rockford, MI. 49341

Dear Mr. Pickerd:

I'm writing this letter to express my appreciation for the long standing commitment that the Rockford Sportsman's Club (RSC) has demonstrated to the United States Marshals Service and the law enforcement community. The RSC provides use of its facility at minimal cost to law enforcement agencies as a community service. The USMS uses the facility up to ten times a year. Your willingness to work with and accommodate the needs of the USMS is a great savings to our agency. The next closest range that will permit the USMS to complete its mandatory firearms qualifications is located in Ionia, MI which would result in additional travel costs in addition to the rental fee. Through the generosity of the Rockford Sportsman's Club, the United States Marshals Service, Western District of Michigan is able to save approximately \$4,700.00 and use it toward operational costs directly related to locating and apprehending dangerous fugitives.

Thank you for your continued support of the United States Marshals Service, the law enforcement community, and our citizens.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Peter C. Munoz", is written over the typed name.

Peter C. Munoz
United States Marshal
Western District of Michigan

*Homeland Security Investigations
Office of the Resident Agent in Charge*

U.S. Department of Homeland Security
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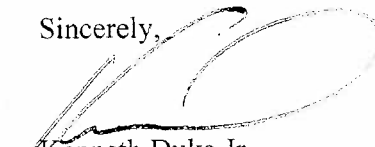
Re: DHS/HSI use of the Rockford Sportsman's Club

Dear Mr. Pickerd:

The Department of Homeland Security (DHS), Homeland Security Investigations (HSI), Grand Rapids Resident Agent in Charge (RAC) office utilizes the Rockford Sportsman's Club approximately eight times annually for their quarterly firearms qualifications. The RAC Grand Rapids HSI office has fourteen Special Agents that must qualify each quarter.

It has been estimated that the Rockford Sportsman's Club saves HSI up to approximately \$2,500.00 to \$5,000.00 annually based on rates at other comparable facilities in the Grand Rapids area.

Sincerely,



Kenneth Duke Jr.
Resident Agent in Charge



UNITED STATES POSTAL INSPECTION SERVICE

DETROIT DIVISION

October 30, 2014

Rockford Sportsman's Club
11115 Northland Drive
Rockford, MI 49341

Dear Gordon Pickerd,

The United States Postal Inspection Service on average will use the Rockford Sportsman's Club for two full firearms instruction days with the possible need for two additional days for specialized weapon qualifications. We have four Postal Inspectors who participate in firearms qualifications and instruction. The United States Postal Inspection Services saves approximately \$300.00 a year with the Rockford Sportsman's Club allowing the agency to use the facility at no charge.

We thank you for your continued permission and support in allowing the United States Postal Inspection Service to use the Rockford Sportsman's Club in an effort to maintain firearm proficiency and safety while servicing and keeping safe the citizens of the United States of America.

Thank you.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mark Dayhuff", written over a circular postmark or stamp.

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